

BPA Unofficial Forecast High Water Mark Data

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The attached unofficial Forecast High Water Mark (FHWM) information is being provided through the BPA's Load Forecasting and Analysis group in response to customer requests and for the purpose of providing transparency to BPA's determination of HWMs under Regional Dialogue.

The FHWM is the forecast of the Contract HWM that will define the maximum initial annual amount of PF power, priced at Tier 1 rates, that a customer is eligible to purchase under Regional Dialogue. The FHWM is followed by the Contract HWM and Rate Period HWM determinations. These determinations will be made prior to power delivery under the Regional Dialogue contracts using methodologies developed in the Tiered Rate Methodology 7(i) rate proceeding. A presentation describing each of the HWMs used under the Regional Dialogue Policy and the basic methods of determination is available at the following location on BPA's web site:

http://www.bpa.gov/power/PL/RegionalDialogue/2007-08-08_BPA_high_water_mark_determination.pdf

This release is not the "official" FHWM data described in section B.2 of the Long-Term Regional Dialogue Policy. The official FHWM data will be released in 2008, prior to contract signing. The attached data differs from the official FHWM data in the following ways:

1. The most recent load data used in this release is from 2006. The most recent load data used to derive the official FHWM will be from 2007.
2. The non-federal resource amounts used in this release were derived using the difference between forecast load and power sales. The resource data used for the official FHWM will be based on resources dedicated for use in 2010 in each customer's Subscription contract Exhibit C, with specific adjustments.
3. For this release, the following Federal Base System (FBS) assumptions for FY 2012 were used:
 - a. 2004 Biological Opinion operations with Redden rulings, including hydro improvements,
 - b. Average of FY 2012 and FY 2013 for CGS refueling cycle,
 - c. Calpine/Four Mile Hill geothermal generation is included,
 - d. No WNP3 settlement return energy is available.

For the official FHWM, the methodology for forecasting the available 2012 FBS capability, with limited augmentation, will be consistent with the proposed methodology being developed for the TRM 7(i) rate proceeding.